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(54) **Multilayer coating film formation process**

(57) A process to form a multilayer coating film, which is excellent in smoothness and capable of preventing a generation of popping even in case of a thick coating, characterized by that after a cationic electrodeposition coating is coated and cured by heating, an intermediate coating, comprising polymerizable unsaturated compound, photopolymerization initiator, thermal

polymerization initiator, and further optionally pigment and/or polyester resin and crosslinking agent, is coated, and said coating film is cured by irradiation with an actinic ray, and then a thermocurable top coating is coated and cured by heating, is disclosed.

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